

job requirements and conduct a "deep reference check."

"You're looking for somebody who understands the law, but you're looking for somebody who has the personality to command but also to lead. I think there is a bit of a difference. You can be a good commander, but you might not be a good leader," Hurd said. "Hopefully, I'll be able to find somebody with similar management skills and personality."

At least two members of the department are interested in the position, according to people familiar with their thinking. Lt. Paul Doucette, currently second in the department's chain of command, and Detective Sgt. David S. Rowland, the third highest ranking officer in the department, have expressed interest, sources said.

Hurd said he doesn't expect any long-term negative impact from the internal search. "If your goal is to stay and work and be a leader in Bennington then you're going to have to take some disappointment, because there's only going to be one chief. I'm prepared for that, and I think I'll be able to deal with it."

#### REMEMBERING CHIEF RALPH JACKMAN

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I rise today to pay tribute to a dedicated public servant in Vermont who passed away earlier this month.

Ralph Jackman joined the Vergennes Volunteer Fire Department in 1947, and took over the helm as chief of the department in 1954. Some 55 years later, in November 2009, he stepped down from his post—widely recognized as one of the longest serving fire chiefs in the Nation.

During his time as the chief, Jackman saw many changes at the fire department. The department grew immensely—doubling the number of firefighters and tripling the number of vehicles. He oversaw the establishment of a cadet program and the construction of a new fire station. He also found time for a variety of community service activities, including serving as the two-time president of the Vermont State Firefighters Association. Throughout his entire career, Jackman was in the thick of the action, responding to emergency calls and managing the volunteer department's operations.

Chief Jackman's family had firefighting in its blood. Jackman's twin brother Fred, who passed away in 2008, was a member of the Bristol Fire Department for 62 years, including 14 years as that department's chief. Chief Jackman's wife, as well as his five daughters, helped the Vergennes Volunteer Fire Department throughout his career. And eight of Chief Jackman's grandchildren are now firefighters.

My wife, Marcelle, and I wish to express our deepest condolences to Chief Jackman's wife, Myrle Jackman, his immediate family and his extended family in the fire service community throughout Vermont. They are rightly proud of Chief Jackman's long and distinguished career and the legacy he has left behind in Vergennes and Vermont.

I ask unanimous consent that a story from The Burlington Free Press about

Chief Jackman's storied career be printed in the RECORD.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Burlington Free Press, Jan. 7, 2010]

#### LAST CALL FOR CHIEF JACKMAN: HUNDREDS ATTEND FUNERAL (By Matt Sutkoski)

VERGENNES.—Ralph Jackman made his last fire call Wednesday.

Jackman was chief of the Vergennes Fire Department from 1954 until November—55 years. He died Saturday at the age of 85. Services were held for him Wednesday morning.

Family, friends and more than 200 firefighters crowded into St. Peter's Catholic Church for the services. The firefighters came from surrounding towns and distant communities—Addison, Whiting, Bristol, Cabot, Burlington, Shrewsbury, East Montpelier, even Nashua, N.H.

At the service, Mark Bouvier of the Bristol Fire Department said Jackman's whole family helped with the chief's decades-long career. He had five daughters, and when they were growing up and a fire call came into the Jackman home in the middle of the night, everyone sprang into action. One daughter would answer the phone, others would make sure his gear was ready for him; another would open the garage door. "He needed all his daughters to get ready for fire calls," Bouvier said.

Firefighting runs in the Jackman family blood. His twin brother Fred, who died in 2008, was a member of the Bristol Fire Department for 62 years and was chief for 14 of those years. Eight of Ralph Jackman's grandchildren are firefighters.

Jackman was one of the nation's longest serving fire chiefs, and he was often in the forefront of Vermont firefighting innovations, Bouvier said. Under Jackman, the Vergennes Fire Department was the first to acquire a hose-reel truck and the first to establish a cadet program.

As great a contribution Jackman made to the Vergennes Fire Department, he thought of all the city's residents, Bouvier said. He'd give fuel oil to needy residents during the time he owned a fuel business. Somebody else might get a warm coat from him, and he was heavily involved in a variety of charitable organizations until the end of his life, Bouvier said.

The Rev. Yvon Royer, officiating at the Mass, also took note of Jackman's lifelong contributions. "He was a true icon of the community. It was a respect that was earned," Royer said.

After the service, with an honor guard of firefighters saluting, Jackman's American flag-draped coffin was loaded onto the back of Vergennes Fire Pumper Truck 316. Led by a contingent of Vergennes firefighters and followed by Jackman's family and friends, the truck bearing the coffin rolled slowly up Maple Street, turned right on Main, then right again onto Green Street to the Vergennes fire station.

The fire truck, parked in front of the station, then blasted its horn three times to ceremonially mark Jackman's final alarm.

#### 2010 NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE

Mr. LEAHY. Mr. President, I am pleased that this month Katherine Paterson of Barre, VT, has been named the 2010 National Ambassador for Young People's Literature. Her books,

which include "A Bridge to Terabithia," "Jacob Have I Loved," and "Bread and Roses Too," motivate young readers to become excited about reading and understand struggles and joy in their own lives. She has long inspired readers in Vermont and across the country to make reading a daily part of their lives.

Reading at a young age can have a dramatic impact on a child's ability to succeed and learn more than can be taught in a classroom. In my home town of Montpelier, VT, the Kellogg-Hubbard Library serves as the center of the community to many local children. When I am home, I love seeing children flood the library after school and borrow new and exciting books or choose to reread old favorites.

Despite what I witness at my local Vermont library, reading rates among children today are on the decline, which makes Ms. Paterson's role as National Ambassador even more crucial as she tours the country to attract new, young readers. I cannot think of a better suited choice for this challenging role, and I congratulate her on her appointment. On a personal note, Marcelle and I have valued our years of friendship with Katherine and John Paterson.

I ask unanimous consent to have printed in the RECORD a January 6, 2010, Washington Post article about this year's National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

There being no objection, the material was ordered to be printed in the RECORD, as follows:

[From the Washington Post, Jan. 6, 2010]

#### KATHERINE PATERSON NAMED NATIONAL AMBASSADOR FOR YOUNG PEOPLE'S LITERATURE (By David Montgomery)

The Stinky Cheese Man has been replaced by the Queen of Terabithia.

They have nothing in common, these two, and yet everything in common. Tuesday morning in the Library of Congress, with elementary school children as witnesses, the ceremony of succession was accomplished and a proud nation with so-so reading habits got a new National Ambassador for Young People's Literature.

She is Katherine Paterson, the award-winning author of more than 30 books, probably best-known for "Bridge to Terabithia," which was published and Newbery-Medaled in the late 1970s but had its longest run on the bestseller lists after release of the 2007 movie.

The outgoing ambassador wisecracked about all the imaginary diplomatic perks he would be giving up. He is Jon Scieszka, the award-winning author of more than three dozen illustrated books and chapter books and the Web-savvy creator of an online kid empire—but perhaps best known for his 1992 opus, "The Stinky Cheese Man and Other Fairly Stupid Fairy Tales."

It's hard to imagine two more different writers being asked to perform the same mission. Scieszka was the first kid-lit ambassador, serving the two-year term.

"We couldn't be more different," said Scieszka, 55. "Sometimes you want to read 'Bridge to Terabithia' and deal with that, sometimes you're feeling like a 'Knucklehead' and 'Stinky Cheese Man.' Kids are willing to try all of it."

"If you're trying to catch young readers, you have to fish with the right bait," said

Paterson, 77. "Kids that are going to be caught by Jon's books are not going to be caught by my books."

Corey Shaw, 10, a fifth-grader at Brent Elementary School—one of three Capitol Hill schools that sent about a dozen students each to the ceremony—has read both "Terabithia" and Scieszka's "Tut, Tut." He gave thumbs up to both.

"It's actually a very important and surprising book," Corey said of "Tut, Tut," about a trip back in time to ancient Egypt.

Of "Terabithia," about a boy and a girl who invent a magical land together, Corey said: "The ending was very sad. Then I thought about it, and it's not that bad. You have to remember that you have to get over things."

Indeed, many of the other students also turned out to be what you might call Stinky Cheese Terabithians, fans of both the incoming and outgoing ambassadors, which helped Librarian of Congress James Billington and the others behind the ambassadorships make their larger point. The ambassador's role is to raise national awareness about the importance of young people's literature in getting young readers off to a good start. By picking two such different writers as the first two ambassadors, the program reminds parents that there are many different ways to be a reader, Billington said.

"Read for your life," Paterson told the young people in the audience. "Read for your life as a member of a family, as a part of a community, as a citizen of this country and a citizen of the world."

Meanwhile, reading rates among young people are in decline, while there has been an uptick in reading among adults, according to the latest figures released by the National Endowment for the Arts. Just over half of 9-year-olds, fewer than a third of 13-year-olds and about one-in-five 17-year-olds read almost every day for fun, the NEA reported in 2007.

The ambassador's responsibilities amount to making appearances at major book events around the country to evangelize for young reading—which Paterson has been doing for 30 years. "It will sound a little fancier now that I have this medal," she said.

A selection committee of children's book experts and the outgoing ambassador recommended Paterson to Billington. Sponsors of the ambassador program include the library's Center for the Book and the Children's Book Council, a nonprofit trade association. Several publishers also underwrite expenses.

Paterson's works include "Jacob Have I Loved," "The Great Gilly Hopkins," "Bread and Roses, Too," and, most recently, "The Day of the Pelican," about a refugee family's escape from the war in Kosovo to the United States.

Paterson lives in Barre, Vt., but inspiration for "Terabithia" came when she lived in Takoma Park. Her son David had a best friend, Lisa Hill, and the pair played imaginative games in Sligo Creek Park. While away on vacation, Lisa was struck and killed by lightning. Paterson wrote "Terabithia" to make sense of the tragedy, with protagonists named Leslie and Jess.

Before the ceremony in the library, David Paterson walked up to the rows of students. Katherine Paterson's four children, seven grandchildren and husband had come to watch her be honored.

"How many kids have read 'Bridge to Terabithia'?" he asked. Nearly 30 hands shot up. "You can tell your friends you met the original Jess."

Charlotte Harrington gasped. She's 9, a fourth-grader at St. Peter's Interparish School. "Terabithia" is one of her favorite books. "It starts out miserable, and then

goes joyous, then goes downhill, then uphill," she said after David Paterson walked away.

When it was Charlotte's turn to get "Bread and Roses, Too," signed by Paterson, the girl told the author, "I loved 'Bridge to Terabithia.' It's one of the best books ever."

The Charlottes of the nation don't need an ambassador. But she and her friends had plenty of ideas for the new ambassador on hooking reluctant young readers.

"Give them a book that shows them what they feel like," said Fiona Campbell, 9, a fourth-grader at St. Peter's.

Isn't that what Paterson and Scieszka both have been doing, after their own fashion? Afterwards, they laughed about being such an odd couple.

"I think the No. 3 [ambassador] should be different from both of us!" Paterson said. "The variety of books is a wonder to behold, but we also have a variety of readers."

#### 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE BUFFALO BILL DAM

Mr. BARRASSO. Mr. President, during the 57th Congress, our predecessors passed the Newland Reclamation Act that changed the landscape of arid Western States. Part of the 1902 act, which created the Reclamation Service, included funding for a dam in a narrow, 70-foot gorge in the Shoshone Canyon, 6 miles from Cody, WY.

The construction of the Shoshone Dam began in 1905. Workers used 78,576 cubic feet of rubble concrete to build the massive structure. When work was completed on January 15, 1910, the Shoshone Dam was the world's highest concrete arch dam at 325 feet. The total bill for the dam was \$1,345,000.

Water from the Shoshone River filled a reservoir that covered an area 10 miles long and 4 miles wide—over 300,000 acres of land. Promotional brochures published during the early years boasted that the dam and reservoir created a "healthful, invigorating and enjoyable climate with an abundance of sunshine and irrigation water." Further, in an effort to draw enterprising farmers to the basin, they stated the area is "immune from storms and that tornadoes and cyclones are unknown in the region."

The 79th Congress once again passed legislation affecting the dam—this time to rename it for one of the West's favorite sons: William F. Cody. In 1946, the Shoshone Dam formally became the Buffalo Bill Dam. While Buffalo Bill may be most famous for his Wild West Show in the early 1900s, he had the vision to harness the Shoshone River to open the area for development. Cody and his colleagues had big dreams to build more than 50 miles of canals and irrigate more than 150,000 acres. He was only able to bring water to 6,000 acres before his finances and stamina ran out. However, it was because he saw the region's potential that the dam was initially built.

Those of us who are fortunate to call Wyoming home have a great appreciation for the opportunity to live with, utilize and benefit from the Buffalo Bill Dam. It is a positive presence in the world of the West.

Last week marked the tremendous structure's 100th birthday. We remember the ingenuity, courage and foresight of the men and women who made the dam possible. It changed the near desert landscape into one that supports a wide range of agricultural and recreational activities. We often say Wyoming is what America was. The Buffalo Bill Dam is a great reminder of this.

#### ADDITIONAL STATEMENTS

##### TRIBUTE TO CHUCK MACK

• Mrs. BOXER. Mr. President, as Chuck Mack is honored by the Teamsters Joint Council 7, I take this opportunity to commend him for his tireless and dedicated service to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

Chuck Mack first joined the Teamsters as a seasonal plant worker for Del Monte in the summer of 1960. A few years later, he was elected business agent at Local 70 in Oakland, CA. In 1971, Chuck transitioned to a position in Sacramento, working as a lobbyist for the California Teamsters Public Affairs Council. The following year, he returned to Local 70, where he was elected as secretary-treasurer. For the next 27 years, until he retired in 2009, Mr. Mack served as Local 70's secretary-treasurer, where he was a strong and passionate advocate for bay area workers and their families.

Though serving as secretary-treasurer for Local 70 was a full-time job, Mr. Mack further showed his commitment to the International Brotherhood of Teamsters by also serving as the president of Joint Council 7 from 1982 until 2009—the second longest-serving Joint Council president in history. Mr. Mack also held several other distinguished positions during his tenure with the Teamsters, including: vice president of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters Western Region; IBT director of Port Division; and Western Conference of Teamsters Pension trustee. Though retired from many of his positions since June 2009, Mr. Mack continues to serve as the co-chair of the Western Conference of Teamsters Pension Trust.

Mr. Mack is known for his integrity and strong work ethic. From his humble beginnings with the Teamsters in the 1960s, Mr. Mack has worked for more than 40 years to help negotiate first-class rights for workers and their families throughout California. It is through his efforts that some of the strongest rights for workers have been won, including good jobs with good wages, access to health care, and fair and just contracts.

I have known Chuck Mack for many years, and I am continually inspired by his dedication to the labor movement. As a stalwart defender of equal rights and a champion for workers everywhere, I wish him many more years of continued community involvement and leadership.●